



## ANNOUNCING: A NEW MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

### *Executive Education for Tomorrow's Homeland Security Leaders*

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is partnering with the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) to offer a *unique* program for local, State, and Federal government officials (civilian and military) with responsibilities in Homeland Security. The purpose of the program is three-fold:

- ★ Prepare local and State leaders for *future* Homeland Security challenges.
- ★ Equip leaders with the specialized knowledge & skills they will need in their work.
- ★ Promote and build interagency cooperation at the local, State, and Federal levels.

**Note:** State and local government employees are enrolled at NPS under the Department of Justice.

### WHAT IS IT?

A dynamic 18-month master's degree program that provides participants with an enhanced understanding of how best to effectively manage today's challenges, including:

- ★ Asymmetric threats
- ★ Critical infrastructure protection (including information systems & networks)
- ★ Civil-military relations
- ★ Planning & budget strategies for Homeland Security
- ★ Communication, command, and control (C3), modeling & simulation
- ★ Intelligence operations for Homeland Security

### HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS "BENEFIT" FROM THE PROGRAM?

- ★ **Participants Do Not Need to Take Leave from Their Jobs:** The program is designed to meet the time constraints and needs of today's managers. The curriculum is structured as follows: each quarter, students will take two courses requiring only 2 weeks of residency (at NPS) and 8-9 weeks of distance learning. The total residency requirement for the entire 18-month program is 12 weeks.
- ★ **Real World Applicability:** Participants will be armed with the necessary problem-solving skills/tools, along with "new" insights, and "new" approaches to respond to the President's top priority--to deter, defeat, and respond to terrorism threats.
- ★ **Shared Experiences with your Local, State, and Federal Counterparts:** Successful coordination of Homeland Security planning and operations requires seamless cooperation among all agencies. Participants will work along-side their counterparts from various Homeland Security organizations. Note: The 18-month session will provide excellent networking opportunities.
- ★ **Shared Knowledge between Civilian and Military Experts:** Participants will gain new insights, knowledge, and perspectives from other U.S. students. Civilians will further their understanding of the military culture, national security planning, and related areas, while military personnel will enhance their cooperative efforts with non-military organizations.
- ★ **Modeling and Simulation:** Participants will be engaged in a unique learning experience with each other via on-line simulated exercises (using scenarios developed by NPS exclusively) on "what if" scenarios—such as attacks on critical infrastructure. As a result, students will gain an understanding of the theories, principles, and lessons from class.

### WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

Sample lecture topics include: Introduction to Homeland Security :: Information Technology Management for Homeland Security :: Critical infrastructure—vulnerability analysis and protection ::

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